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JW-6-362.

SUMMARY: DISCUSSES PLANS FOR ZIEGLER WASHINGTON DUTY. END SUMMARY.
SINCE POST BENEFITS END UPON PERMANENT DEPARTURE OF EMPLOYEE,
EMBASSY WILL BE UNABLE CONTINUE PAY ALLOWANCES UPON TRANSFER.
THEREFORE IT IS RECOMMENDED ZIEGLER REPORT TO WASHINGTON IN TDY
STATUS RATHER THAN PCS.

REALIZE TDY STATUS COMPLICATES PROCESSING OF PERSONNEL ACTION. IN
PARTICULAR, BELIEVE COMMERCE PERSONNEL STAFF WILL STATE THAT
INDIVIDUAL IN TDY STATUS MAY NOT OCCUPY PERMANENT POSITION FOR MORE
THAN 120 DAYS.

SUGGEST YOU MAY WISH CONSIDER FOLLOWING AS POSSIBLE SOLUTION.
ZIEGLER'S PRESENCE IN TOKYO FOR 2-3 WEEKS IN MARCH HIGHLY
DESIREABLE FOR COMPLETION OF CMPS. THEREFORE SUGGEST ZIEGLER BE
ASSIGNED TDY TO OMD JANUARY 19 TO MARCH 19. (BELIEVE MARCH 19 IS
DATE FIELD OFFICES TO RECEIVE CMP MATERIALS.) ZIEGLER WOULD
RETURN TO POST TO ASSIST IN CMP COMPLETION MARCH 19 TO
APPROXIMATELY APRIL 9, ONCE AGAIN TRAVEL TDY TO WASHINGTON APRIL
TO JUNE 20.

ABOVE SUGGESTIONS ALSO HELPFUL IN HANDLING QUESTION OF AMOUNT
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OF ZIEGLER SUBSISTENCE OR PERDIEM, AS FOLLOWS.

EMBASSY ADVISES THAT FEDERAL TRAVEL REGULATIONS (APPLICABLE TO CIVILIAN AGENCIES OF USG) DO AUTHORIZE EXTENDED TDY, WITH PAYMENT OF SUBSISTENCE OR PERDIEM. SUBSISTENCE AT MAXIMUM DOLS42 A DAY OR PERDIEM AT MAXIMUM DOLS33 A DAY AUTOMATICALLY PAID FOR PERIODS UP TO 120 DAYS. FULL SUBSISTENCE OR PERDIEM IS PAID FOR THE FIRST 21 DAYS, AFTER WHICH 50 PERCENT IS PAID.

SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION IS REQUIRED FOR PAYMENT OF MAXIMUM SUBSISTENCE OR PERDIEM FOR THE FULL 120 DAYS, FOR ANY PORTION THEREOF, AND FOR PERIODS IN EXCESS OF 120 DAYS.

THEREFORE WE BELIEVE EITHER OF FOLLOWING TO BE POSSIBLE:

1. AUTHORIZE ZIEGLER TDY WASHINGTON JANUARY 19 TO MARCH 19 AND APRIL 10 TO JUNE 20 WITH PAYMENT OF PERDIEM AT DOLS33 BOTH PERIODS.

2. AUTHORIZE ZIEGLER TDY WASHINGTON JANUARY 19 TO JUNE 20 WITH PERDIEM AT DOLS33 FOR ENTIRE PERIOD.

WE RECOMMEND FIRST ALTERNATIVE BECAUSE IT HELPS AVOID PROBLEMS IN PROCESSING PERSONNEL ACTION AND PROVIDES ZIEGLER'S TIMELY AND VALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO POST FOR PREPARATION OF CMPS. HOWEVER, IT REQUIRES EXPENDITURE OF ADDITIONAL DOLS1500 TRAVEL EXPENSES.

SECOND ALTERNATIVE IS CHEAPER BECAUSE IT DOES NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TRAVEL, BUT MAY BE MORE DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH BECAUSE OF CONFLICTING REGULATIONS AFFECTING PROCESSING OF PERSONNEL ACTION.

IN REACHING YOUR DECISION, YOU MAY WISH EXAMINE PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED 3 YEARS AGO IN CONNECTION WITH DICK HENRY'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON WHILE HIS FAMILY REMAINED AT POST.

IN EVENT INSOLUBLE CONFLICT ARISES BETWEEN REGULATIONS GOVERNING PROCESSING OF PERSONNEL ACTION AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING TRAVEL, ZIEGLER WILL ACCEPT AS LAST RESORT REPEAT LAST RESORT DEFERRAL OF PROMOTION UNTIL PCS CHANGE ON JUNE 20.

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